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FMCS UPDATE ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GROCERY TALKS

LOS ANGELES, CA— Mediators involved in the Southern California Grocery negotiations report some progress on difficult and complex issues. FMCS is pleased that employees continue to work, the stores remain operational, and that the parties continue to meet and explore potential solutions.

The U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and 69 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.